(c) The merged airline would be able to offer an integrated schedule from interior points in India (currently served by Indian) to various international destinations (currently served by Indian and/or Air India) and vice-versa, offering seamless connectivity to passengers and also extending the connectivity of interior points to various international destinations *via* the major airports hub in India. The induction of new aircraft in the coming years would further benefit the passengers by way of improved service.

(d) and (e) The employees interests have been foremost while taking this decision. Consultations have been held with the Employee Unions of both Air India and Indian Airlines and the Government is committed to ensure that all legitimate employee interests, are protected. There will be no retrenchment and all employees will continue in the merged company. Besides, to keep the exercise as smooth as possible, the integration of manpower would be completed in a phased manner, on the basis of transparent and objective criteria. A well defined Grievance Redressal Machinery will also be put in place for this purpose.

Expert Committee to make Indian profitable

2268. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Expert Committee has been constituted by Government to formulate strategies to make Indian profitable;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the Expert Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted any report; and

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.